

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR BENEFICIARIES OF SOCIAL SECURITY (PABSS)

**TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS
OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES,
THROUGH EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY**



**THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR INDIANA
MEMBER NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK**

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)

Contact PABSS if you are having trouble seeking or receiving rehabilitation or other employment-related services or support you need to return to work.

PABSS is administered by Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services and is completely independent of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and all other employment networks and programs.

WHO PABSS ASSISTS

The PABSS Program assists people with disabilities who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and who:

- Have return-to-work issues
- Have problems with Social Security benefits while returning to work
- Have problems obtaining and receiving workplace accommodations
- Have issues with employment service providers
- Are experiencing discrimination in the workplace

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WHAT PABSS DOES

- Provide information about the programs, services and supports available to assist you in your return to work
- Provide information that may be helpful in your efforts to find meaningful employment
- Refer you to someone who can explain how a return to work will affect your benefits and help you plan for the future
- Provide you with technical assistance if you encounter problems in obtaining the services and support needed to secure, maintain or regain employment
- Advocate on your behalf to resolve any conflicts you may have with any service providers or employers as you strive to return to work

What the PABSS Advocate Does

ADVOCACY

Advocate for beneficiaries of Social Security who wish to return to work.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Provide beneficiaries with information regarding community service providers, employers and benefits, as well as family and disability support groups.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Assist beneficiaries, employment service providers, employers, or the community in regard to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), workplace accommodations, and disability-related issues.

EDUCATION

Provide training to individuals and groups in regard to the Return to Work regulations, Medicaid and Medicare supports, and Ticket to Work Program, as well as the Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.

LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Review, investigate, negotiate and help resolve complaints about inadequate or inappropriate services from service providers, community support providers, and employers.

What the PABSS Advocate Does (continued)

HOW DO I CONTACT A PABBS ADVOCATE?

If you need services concerning work issues, contact your statewide PABSS program at:

INDIANA PROTECTION
AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

VOICE 800.622.4845

TTY 317.722.5563

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THESE SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

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Where to Get More Information About Benefits Planning

Indiana Works is a service organization funded in part by the Social Security Administration that provides assistance with benefits planning for individuals as they enter or re-enter employment. These benefits planning, assistance and outreach agencies can be reached at:

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Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provides services to all individuals with disabilities within the guidelines set forth by federal legislation regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, ancestry or disability.

Any concerns regarding the agency's compliance with these nondiscrimination efforts may be brought to the attention of the Executive Director at the address or telephone listed above.

A grievance procedure is available to clients who believe that they have not received adequate service from Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services.